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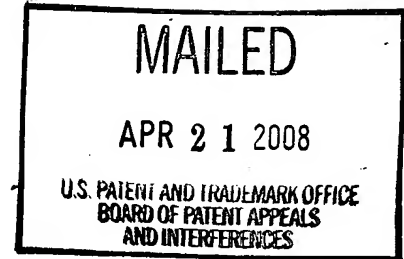
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte: URI WILENSKY,  
AND WALTER M. STROUP

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Application No. 10/016,192

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

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This Image File Wrapper (IFW) application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 9, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On October 18, 2007, the Examiner mailed a communication acknowledging receipt of Appellant's Reply Brief, dated August 15, 2007. A review of this communication reveals that the Examiner did not provide proper acknowledgment. The comments made by the Examiner constitute a Supplemental Examiner's Answer. In accordance with MPEP § 1207.05, all supplemental examiner's

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answers must be approved by a Technology Center (TC) Director or designee. The Communication mailed October 18, 2007, was not signed by the Technology Center Director or designee.

### **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the examiner for:

1) vacate the Acknowledgment of Reply Brief dated October 18, 2007,


2) issue and mail either:

a) a revised Communication properly acknowledging to the Reply Brief dated August 15, 2008; or

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- b) issue a Supplemental Examiner's Answer with the required signature  
(Technology Center Director or designee), if appropriate; and
- 3) such further action as may be appropriate.

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